Leadership Northern Colorado Larimer County Government







County Basics

- Counties are not rural image of municipalities.
- Arm of the State. Designed primarily to deliver State services at a local level.
- Larimer County is a Statutory county. Weld is a Home Rule County.

Constitutional Elected Officials

 Ministerial in nature for a specific area/areas (Executive in nature)

Not legislative or quasi-judicial

Responsible only to the voters.







Constitutional Elected Officials

- Budgetary responsibility limited to funds allocated by BOCC.
- DA exception

Official of a Judicial District
Utilizes county structure by convenience





Board of County Commissioners

- Serve in three roles
 - Executive
 - Legislative
 - Quasi-Judicial
- Responsible for the fiscal management of the county including budgeting
- No authority over management or outcomes of other elected offices.



Larimer County



_	Fort	Collins
	_	- Fort

Population (2010 estimate) 298,000

Size 2,640 square miles

Miles of County Roads

-Paved 476

-Unpaved 596

2010 Assessed Valuation \$4,047,646,850

2010 County Budget * \$247,050,638

County Mill Levy 22.524

Voter Registrations 183,900

County Employees

Average Daily Jail Population 490

Beds in Jail

* Net of transfers

1,572 1,640 in 2010

520



Weld County

O County Seat - Greeley

o Population (2010 estimate)

Size

Miles of County Roads

o -Paved

Unpaved

2010 Assessed Valuation

o 2010 County Budget

County Mill Levy

Voter Registrations

County Employees

Average Daily Jail Population

Beds in Jail

251,220

3,999 square miles

677

2344

\$4,108,188,970

\$193,472,268

16.804

112,276

1,396

600

750

^{*} Net of transfers



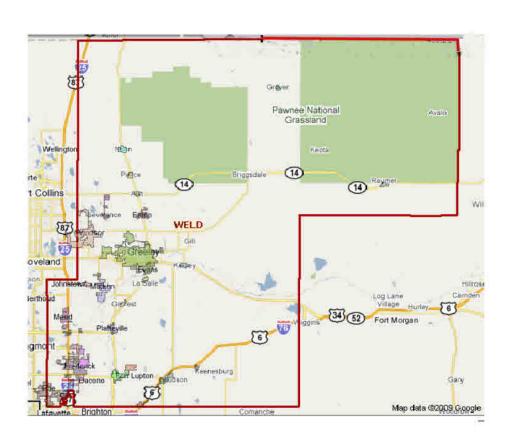
Larimer County



Municipalities

- Fort Collins
- Loveland
- Estes Park
- Berthoud
- Wellington
- •Windsor
- •Timnath
- Johnstown

Weld County



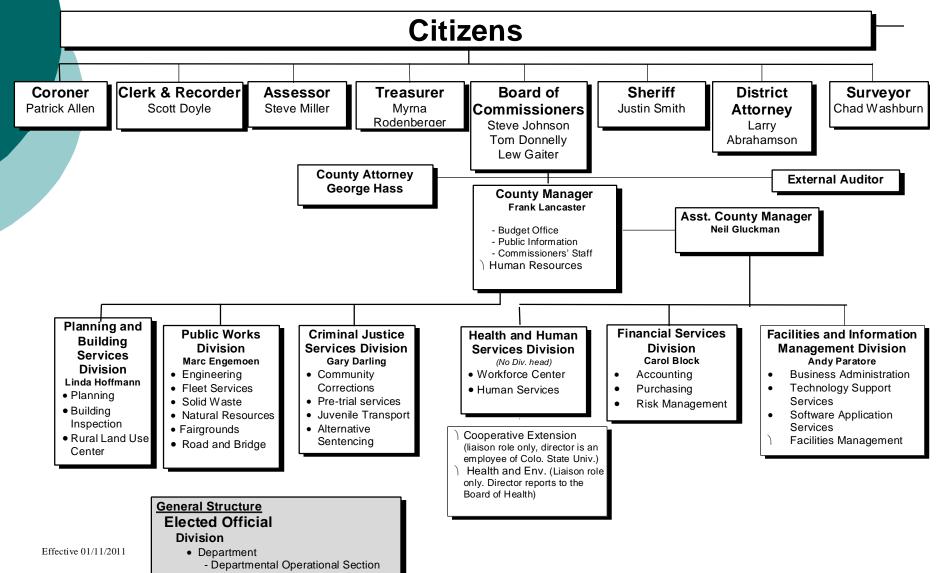
Municipalities:

- Ault
- Brighton
- Berthoud
- Dacono
- Eaton
- •Erie
- Evans
- Firestone
- Frederick
- •Ft. Lupton
- •Garden City
- Gilcrest
- Greeley
- Grover
- Hudson
- Johnstown

- Keenesburg
- Kersey
- LaSalle,
- Lochbuie
- Longmont
- Mead
- •Milliken,
- Northglenn
- •Nunn
- Pierce,
- Platteville
- •Raymer
- Severance
- Thornton
- Windsor



Larimer County Organizational Chart



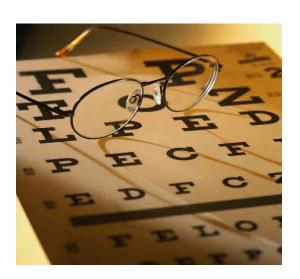
WELD COUNTY HOME RULE GOVERNMENT **County Citizens** Clerk and Sheriff **County Council** Assessor **Board of County** Recorder (Elected Office) (Elected Office) (5 Elected Members) Commissioners (Elected Office) Corrections, Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Forensic Lab, Task Force, Code Recording Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Office of Emergency (5 Elected Members) **County Attorney** Department of Department of Department of Department of Finance **Human Services** Department of Health **Public Works Planning Services** and Administration Clerk to the Board Director and Commissioner Coordinator Director and Director and Director and Comissioner Coordinator Commissioner Coordinator Commissioner Coordinator Commissioner Coordinator Director of Public Health and Environemnt Engineering Planning and Zoning Human Services Airport Road and Bridge **Building Inspecion** Human Services Board Accounting Transportation Board of Adjustment Health Administration Social Services Budget **Buildings and Grounds** Planning Commission Environmental Health Communications Parks Uniform Building Code Mursing Contract Administration Veterans' Services Utility Board Board of Public Health Coroner **Finance Division** GIS and Mapping Paramedic Service **Human Resources** Information Services Director Justice Services Phone Services Printing and Supply Purchasing Hospital Board Risk Management Solid Waste Fund Special Projects Treasurer's Office Extension Service Director 20000 Fair Board

Larimer County Vision



Larimer County will add value to the lives of its citizens by:

- Building Partnerships
- Being customer driven
- Empowering People to Take Responsibility
- Being a Fulfilling and Enjoyable Place to Work
- Being A Good Steward Of Public Resources



What do We Do?



- a. Landfill
- **b.** Child Welfare
- c. Septic Tank Inspections
- d. Road Maintenance
- e. Restaurant inspections
- f. Food Stamps
- g. Marriage Licenses
- h. Probation services
- i. Purchase burial plots
- j. Job training
- k. Fighting Forest Fires
- I. Run Elections
- m. Screen juvenile offenders
- n. Autopsies
- o. Victims' Assistance Programs

- p. County Fair
- q. Track infectious disease
- r. Maternity assistance
- s. Potable Water Quality programs
- t. Community-wide recycling
- u. Cable TV supervision
- v. Noxious weed control
- w. Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
- x. Jail operations
- y. Foster Care Coordination
- z. Veteran's Services
- aa. Airports
- ab. Birth and Death Certificates



What do We *Don't* Do?



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Health and Well-Being We provide opportunities for our community members to be healthy and self sufficient

Transportation

We have safe, efficient and adequately maintained transportation systems

Statutory General Government Services

We provide basic statutory county services in an efficient, responsive and effective manner and with accountability to our citizens

Larimer County is a desirable place to live, work and play (with results justifying expenditures)

Environment

We maintain and promote a healthy environment, protecting our natural resources for recreation, conservation and community well-being.

Preparing for Growth

We grow in a manner that maintains and enhances the quality of life of our citizens.

Jobs and Economic Vitality

We promote a strong economy and economic vitality

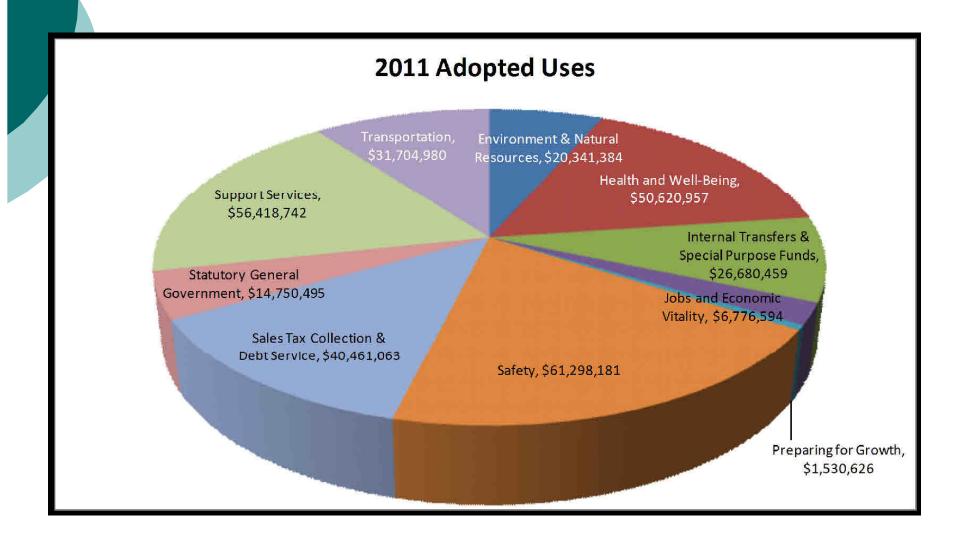
Safety

We help people feel safe through prevention, emergency preparedness, responsiveness and community partnerships.

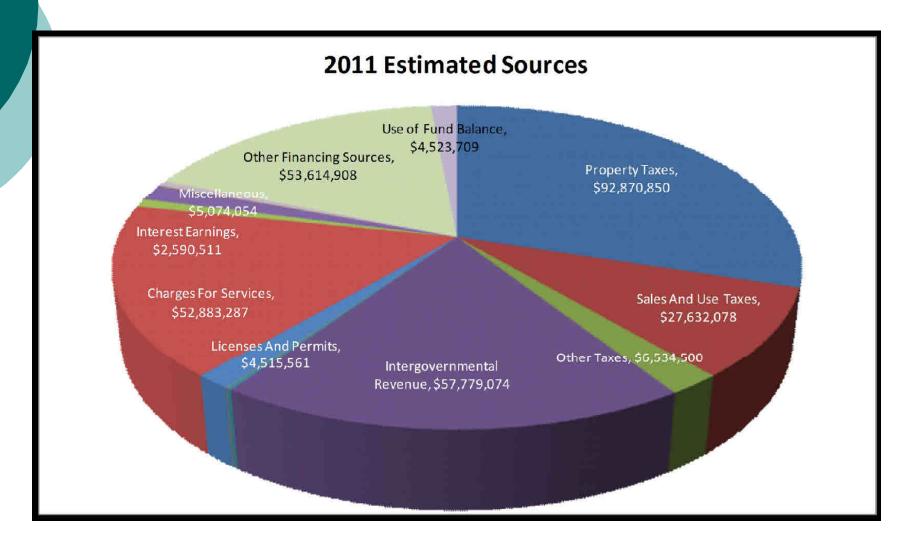
Budget













Understanding Your 2011 Local Property Taxes (An example of a \$268,569 Residence)

1. How 2011 Taxes are Calculated:

Note—The County Assessor reappraises all property every two years, tax paid in 2011 is based on non-reappraisal values. For this example, the County Assessor has kept the property value the same as 2010.

Actual Value for 2010 taxes	\$ 276,626
Actual Value for 2011 taxes (same)	\$ 276,626
State Determined Assessment Rate _	× 7.96%
Value for Taxation	\$ 22,019.43
Combined Mill Levy	x 83.619
Total Taxes Due in 2011:	\$1,841.24
Note-For 2011, the state will maintain the rate of asse	essment of residential

property at 7.96% of market value.

2. Mill Levy of Taxing Authorities:

		Mills
School District		47.989
County Gov't Services	21.571	
County Abatements	0.203	
County - Foothills Gateway	0.750	
County Gov't Total		22.524
City Government		9.797
Hospital/Health Services		2.167
Other (Water, Library, etc)		1.142
-Combined Mill Levy		83.619

Note - The above mill levies (except County) are examples. Each tax entity (where the property is located) will announce its mill levy when it proposes its annual budget. Your actual Combined Mill Levy depends on the location of the property.

Colorado Assessment Rates



Vacant Land: 29%

Residential: 7.96%

Commercial: 29%

Industrial: 29%

Agricultural: 29%

Agricultural Residence: 7.96%

Personal Property: 29%

Mobile Homes: 7.96% (if used

as a residence)

Oil & Gas: 87.5 % of

production value if primary well - 75% of production value if secondary well



Where the Taxes Go:	For 2008	For 2009	For 2010	For 2011	Change for 2011
Your School District	1030.42	1025.91	1056.69	1056.69	-0-
County Government Services	463.13	462.73	477.49	479.45	1.96
County Foothills Gateway	16.03	16.03	16.51	16.51	-0-
Your City Government	209.44	209.44	215.72	215.72	-0-
Your Hospital/Health Services District	46.33	46.33	47.72	47.72	-0-
Other (Water, Library, etc) Districts	24.41	24.41	<u>25.15</u>	25.15	<u>-0-</u>
Your Total Estimated Tax Bill:	1789.77	1784.86	1839.28	1841.24	+1.96 per Year

How does County Government propose to spend the \$ 479.45 in 2011?

Service Category	Percent	\$ Per Year
Public Safety	45.33%	\$ 217.33
Support Services	21.63%	103,71
Transportation	12.47%	59.79
Health & Well-Being	12.68%	60.79
Statutory General Government Services	5.53%	26.51
Preparing for Growth	1.75%	8.39
Environment & Natural Resources	0.36%	1,73
Jobs & Economic Vitality	0.25%	1.20
Total	100.00%	\$479.45



Financial Challenges due to economy and the Colorado Tax Structure

- TABOR
- Gallagher
- Tax Increment Financing

Decrease in Property Values





Possible Reductions in State and Federal funding

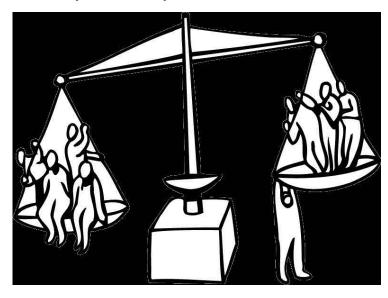
- Elimination of Workforce funds
- Loss of energy impact funds
- BOR funding





Criminal Justice Issues

- Need for alternatives to incarceration
- \$14,000,000 cliff in 2014





Transportation Infrastructure





Mountain Pine Beetle





Questions

